



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

c/o DCRA – 1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Property Maintenance

SECTION NO. 704.5

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. PMC-PropM-7-4-13

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Prop Maint

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DATES OF PROPOSAL: 5-2-2012

CCCCB PRESENTATION: 7.3.12

CCCCB APPROVAL: 7.12.12

CHECK ONE

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Revise section to read as follows:

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Delete section and substitute the following:

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Add new section to read as follows:

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Delete section without substitution.

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

Insert new Section 704.5 to the Property Maintenance Code to read as follows:

See next page.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

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Increase

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Decrease

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Negligible

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Unknown

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling

to

Per 1,000SF of commercial building

to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

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To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.

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To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute

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For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes

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Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia

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Correction of errors and omissions

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Other (explain)

Approved by CCCC in previous code cycle



704.5 Fire alarm systems. Fire alarm systems shall be continuously maintained in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or as otherwise directed by the *code official*.

704.5.1 Manual fire alarm boxes. All manual fire alarm boxes shall be operational and unobstructed.

704.5.2 Fire alarm signage. Where fire alarm systems are not monitored by a supervising station, an approved permanent sign shall be installed adjacent to each manual fire alarm box that reads: **WHEN ALARM SOUNDS CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Exception: When the manufacturer has permanently provided this information on the manual fire alarm box.

704.5.3 Fire alarm notice. In accordance with the requirements of the Fire Alarm Notice and Tenant Fire Safety Amendment Act of 2009, effective March 11, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-116: D.C. Official Code § 6-751.11) the *owner* of a *building* containing four or more *dwelling units, rooming units or sleeping units* shall post in conspicuous places in the *common space* of the *building* and distribute to each *tenant* or *unit owner* a written notice that provides information about fire alarm systems in the *building*. The notice shall be on a form developed and published by the *code official* in English and in the languages required under section 4 of the Language Access Act of 2004, effective June 19, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-167: D.C. Official Code § 2-1933)